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As a computer professional and as an American who thinks the rights to liberty and property should be defended, not attacked, by the so-called "Justice" Department, I am outraged at the government's persecution of Microsoft. When the government penalizes the successful at the behest of their competitors, it is a threat to all our rights.

Microsoft has never had the power to force anyone to do anything. Whoever wants to curtail Microsoft's profits and restrict its share of the market has always been free to do so--by simply going elsewhere and dealing with someone else. It is government alone that has the power to use force. As George Washington said, "Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force." Microsoft offers a product that is so good that a large majority of those in the market want to buy it. Why should the government disrupt the free choices made in the marketplace? The only threat to the market is the computer-illiterate power-lusters in government, like Janet Reno, who rely on the point of a gun.

If she (and you) had been in power 120 years ago to "protect" us from Thomas Edison and his "monopoly" on the electric light bulb--where would we be today?

Here is the only settlement that is acceptable:

- (1) APOLOGIZE to Microsoft and to all of America for persecuting success and threatening our freedom.
- (2) REIMBURSE Microsoft for all the money it has had to waste in defending itself against the anti-capitalist looters in our so-called "Justice" Department. And
- (3) SCRAP the Antitrust Laws, which are inherently unjust and non-objective. You cannot FORCE the market to be free--that's a contradiction in terms--you can only destroy our freedom.

Angrily,

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